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CAPT. FRANK COONEY.

Interesting Sketch of His Remarkably Successful Career.

Made Stock of \$74,000 in Space of 21 Months.

The Boston Sunday Globe of yesterday had an illustrated article on the achievements of Capt. Frank Cooney of Rockport, master and owner of sch. Mary E. Cooney and the acknowledged king of the shore market fishermen, a man whose success has not been alone for one season, but has been long continued and remarkable. Capt. Cooney is a whole-hearted companionable man and one of Cape Ann's leading citizens. Knowing that the article will be of interest to his thousands of friends here, we print the following extracts:

"Capt. Frank Cooney, one of this race, was born in Pike's Peak, Fayal, January 7, 1850. He came to this country a penniless lad of 16. Today he is one of the heaviest individual owners of vessel property outside the firms on this side of Boston.

"On arriving in Rockport he at once secured a place as a deck hand on a freighter with the late Capt. William Denning and rapidly acquired a knowledge of the language and customs of the country. Being quick to observe and always on the alert for an opportunity for advancement, he saw that the fisheries presented a much more promising field for an ambitious man than the more prosaic life of coasting. So after a year on the freighter he shipped on a fishing vessel and learned what there was to this branch of the mariner's life.

"His abilities secured recognition, and in a short time he was in command of a fishing schooner. His progress was rapid. He made good stocks and secured an interest in his vessel, the Lady Lincoln. Working with renewed zeal his success since that time has been phenomenal, and in some respects it would be hard to equal.

"His most marked achievement has been in his new schooner, the Mary E. Cooney, named after his wife. His record last year, it is claimed, remains unequalled.

"February 13, he took command of the sch. Georgie Willard pending the completion of his new schooner, the Cooney. After the expiration of three months in this craft he put his new vessel in commission, and in the 21 succeeding months stocked \$73,600, his stock in one year in the Cooney being \$38,000.

"The Cooney carries 16 men, and in one year of this time the crew each shared \$1326, besides their board, more than many men earn in two years. For the past 10 years Capt. Cooney's men have not earned less than \$1000 per year.

"Capt. Cooney owns four vessels. The Mary E. Cooney is worth, off the stocks and equipped for sea, \$12,000. She has paid for herself in gross receipts six times in two years.

"Although Provincetown has a compatriot of Capt. Cooney who claims the high-line blue ribbon of the fishing fleet, it is asserted that Capt. Cooney excels the Cape Cod man's showing by a substantial margin.

"Of course, the record is little short of phenomenal, and to accentuate it Capt. Cooney points to the fact that during all the time he has been at sea he has never lost a man or a vessel. This demonstrates that, beside being a fisherman of the first order, he has tempered activity and energy with good seamanship and rare judgment.

"But one accident ever befell him in his career, and that was of minor importance. His vessel went ashore on Salt Island. The damage was practically nothing, as she floated on the next tide.

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"Combined with all these qualities, which have made him a marked man in the fishing fleet, is a temperament which has endeared him to his men and the community in which he lives, for he is known as essentially a big-hearted man. He knows how to get the best out of his men and at the same time keep their respect.

"His home of life is happy indeed. Children have come to him in abundant measure. He lives in a modest and charming little cottage house on one of the principal residential streets of Rockport. He is pointed out as a prominent citizen and as one of the largest tax-payers of the place.

EXPORT DUTY.

Newfoundland May Levy on Herring Cargoes.

Proposed Action Would Affect Us Little or None.

A Halifax despatch of Saturday, in speaking of Newfoundland's recent action in discontinuing the sale of bait licenses to American fishing vessels, says:

"The business interests of Halifax, Lunenburg and other ports are intensely interested in the situation which has been created by the Newfoundland government, revoking the bait purchasing privileges enjoyed by United States fishermen to the exclusion of the French fishing fleet.

"Some of the Nova Scotia newspapers endorse the action of the Newfoundland government, and place the blame for the present difficulty upon the fishermen of Gloucester, by whose influence, it is claimed, the United States Senate practically nullified a treaty which had been drawn up by Secretary of State Hay and Premier Bond of Newfoundland. It is pointed out that the interests which brought about the existing unpleasantness are also the chief sufferers.

"It is not denied by owners of Nova Scotia fishing vessels and shippers that they were pleased when the Washington Senate amended the treaty to such an extent that it became unacceptable to Newfoundland. Had the treaty been made effective it would have adversely affected the Nova Scotia fishing industry."

"A peculiarity of the situation is the fact that a very large proportion of the men in the Gloucester fleet consists of Nova Scotians. If the action of Newfoundland should prove serious to the Gloucester fleet, it is said more Nova Scotians than native Americans would be affected."

Directly Opposite.

The fish commissioners report that the firing of heavy guns during the target practice of the navy does no damage as far as fish are concerned. This testimony is directly opposite to that of the men engaged in the fishing business, who, at least, are confident that poor catches have been coincident with heavy gun target practice.—Boston Herald.

Halibut at New York.

A carload of halibut has been received at Fulton Market, New York City, from the independent interests on the Pacific coast.

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Shore Fishing.

The local boats brought in good hauls of fish yesterday. Capt. Elbridge Woodbury was credited with 6000 pounds; Capt. Benjamin T. Bowden with about 5000 pounds, and Capt. Edward Rose with 1300 weight, and the others in varying quantities. The fish were mostly haddock and were of a superior quality.

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TO PROTECT SEED LOBSTERS.

Senator Kimball Endeavoring To Have Law Amended.

In the senate when the Dunham bill, which permits the taking of nine-inch (uncooked) lobsters from December 15 to April 1, comes up this afternoon Senator Kimball of Essex will have the same tabled and will present an important substitute measure.

Senator Kimball, with a view of protecting not the smaller but the older lobsters, will submit a bill which will permit the taking of lobsters over nine inches in length all the year round—with the exception of the female lobsters of 11 inches or over. The aim of the bill is to protect such female lobsters.

The egg-throws of such lobsters, running from about 12,000 at 11 inches to 40,000 at 14 inches, makes it imperative, according to the Essex senator, that these be absolutely preserved.

It is understood that the fish and game commission is disposed to look with favor on Senator Kimball's substitute proposal as being constructed on more scientific principles than any yet presented.

CLAM POACHERS.

Alleged Violators of Law Found Guilty at Ipswich.

Justice Sayward Placed Cases on File Without Imposing Fine.

Eight residents of Annisquam, Alva H. Griffin, Ernest Griffin, Clarence Davis, James Wheeler, Frank Butler, Geo. Currier, Samuel C. Young and Geo. Young, were before Trial Justice Charles A. Sayward of Ipswich on Saturday, charged with illegally taking two bushels of clams from the flats in that town on March 3, and Joseph Woodbury and Eben Saunders of Lanesville were charged with a similar offence on March 4. All the men pleaded not guilty, and the Annisquam men with the exception of the two Young were represented by Charles D. Smith, Esq.

The evidence showed that the defendants had dug about a peck of clams each instead of two bushels as alleged, while there was nothing to indicate that any of the parties were engaged in the clam business for a livelihood.

Judge Sayward found the defendants guilty but did not feel disposed towards imposing a fine, as he felt satisfied that they had encroached on the flats to obtain a mess of clams for private use, as was shown by the small quantity found in the defendants' possession, and for that reason he would place the case on file, but he intimated that should the defendants be brought into court again, they would not be let off without a fine.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Fanny E. Prescott, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Shenandoah, south, seining.
Sch. Electric Flash, south, seining.
Sch. Mary E. Harty, south, seining.
Sch. Harvard, south, seining.
Sch. George Parker, south, seining.
Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, haddocking.
Sch. Moonan, haddocking.
Sch. Klineo, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$4.00 for large, \$3.50 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.50; medium cod, \$2.00; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2.25, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.75; Eastern haddock, \$1.25; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt. for large and \$5.00 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. Agawan, 2500 cod.
Sch. Albert Geiger, 12,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Estelle M. Nunan, 9000 haddock, 9000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Margaret, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Etta Mildred, 18,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 9000 haddock, 400 cod.
Sch. Monitor, 30,000 haddock, 5500 cod, 400 pollock.
Sch. Mary G. Santos, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$3.50.

NOT REGARDED SERIOUSLY.

Says Washington Despatch of Newfoundland Retaliation.

Would Have To Forbid Her People To Sell Bait.

A special despatch to the Boston Transcript from "Lincoln," its regular Washington correspondent, and published in its last evening's paper states that Newfoundland's threatened retaliation because of the failure of the reef, prociety is not regarded there as likely to prove serious. To carry it out she would have to forbid her subjects to sell something and in parts of that poverty stricken island this would be a severe blow to the inhabitants. The Maine and Massachusetts fishermen who came to Washington during the pendency of the treaty to discuss its terms did not regard a continuance of the bait privileges in the treaty as of enough value to justify any considerable sacrifice on their part. While they thought it reasonably convenient, they asserted that they could, through present-day refrigerating devices, get along without it.

SCHOOL OF WHALES

Seen Off Provincetown and Indicate Presence of Herring.

Provincetown harbor is ice free at last, the floe having been swept south and out of sight, and fishermen, risking loss of property from a chance return of the ice, are rushing anchor nets into the sea in their eagerness to secure fat hauls of herring for which fancy prices are assured in this period of bait scarcity.

A large number of whales, two of the right whale variety, appeared in the bay last week, remaining two or three days before turning seaward. Another and larger herd of finbacks has arrived and is scouring the bay. As the finback is supposed to keep itself accurately informed as to the whereabouts of herring schools, this whale presence is taken as indicative of the arrival of herring.

Odds Not with Newfoundland.

The Boston Post this morning has the following editorial:

"The Newfoundland government has added a new industry to Massachusetts. Last week word came that it had taken measures to deprive American fishermen of the right to buy bait in colonial waters. Yesterday it was announced that Boston and Gloucester capital would form a cold storage company for the purpose of distributing refrigerated bait.

"The fight between the Newfoundland government and the American fishermen will be watched with interest. It looks as if the odds would not be with the Newfoundlanders.

"It will perhaps be bad for the fishermen not to be able to buy bait in colonial waters. But will it not be worse for the bait catchers not to be able to sell?

"Suppose, too, the government concludes some fine day to change its mind, only to discover that the fishermen can supply themselves with cheap bait elsewhere?"

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IMPORTANT TREASURY RULING

Imported Frozen Halibut Dutiable at One Cent Per Pound.

According to a recent ruling of the treasury department "frozen halibut" and by implication all other fresh fish subjected to natural refrigeration "retaining their natural juices and flavor without the aid of antiseptics or dessication and in condition for immediate use" are dutiable as and for fresh fish at the rate of one cent per pound, and not as and for fish "otherwise prepared for preservation" at three fourths of one cent per pound according to former decision of the appraisers' board.

The ruling is taken at the instance of the auditor to the department on certain entries made at the subport of Richford, collection district of Burlington, Vt., and is of peculiar interest at the present time by reason of the sharp competition that has developed relative to the marketing of Pacific coast halibut in the east. It is said that further developments are even now pending regarding same.

POOR SEAL FISHERY.

St. Johns, March 29.—Steamer Eagle, the first ship of the sealing fleet which sailed March 13, returned last night fully laden, having 33,000 seals. She reports eight steamers loaded with 56,000 seals. Eleven other steamers are unreported. The figures indicate a poor fishery, the outlook being the least satisfactory in many years.

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Sch. Monitor, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Speculator, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Alcina, shore, via Boston.
Sch. Illinois, via Boston.

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Boston.

Sch. Valentina, 3500 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Galatea, 700 haddock, 300 cod.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 1200 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Rapidan, 9000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Juanita, 4500 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Stranger, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Two Forty, 500 haddock, 5500 cod.
Sch. Priscilla, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Seaconnet, 13,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Haddock, \$2 to \$3; large cod, \$1 to \$1.50; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

SCHOOL OF WHALES.

Disporting Themselves Off Breakwater This Afternoon.

Novel Sight Witnessed by Many Wharf Habitues.

The habitues of the water front were treated to a novel sight this afternoon, when looking toward the outer harbor and over near the breakwater, they espied a school of whales blowing and sporting about and evidently enjoying themselves.

There were several in the school and they could be plainly seen as they came up to blow and played about and dove. They are probably part of the school which has been seen the past few days off Provincetown and are supposed generally to indicate the presence of herring.

Big Stock.

Sch. Emily Cooney, Capt. Patrick J. Murphy, engaged in the shore market fishery, changed her tactics last trip and went off shore, with the result that she brought in the big fare of 76,000 pounds of fresh fish at Boston yesterday, on which the fine stock of \$2600 was made, the crew profiting to the extent of \$75 each. The trip occupied but five days. Capt. Murphy is one of those quiet fellows who goes along season after season, always rolling up a big stock. He is part owner of the craft he commands and is well known as one of the hustlers of the fleet.